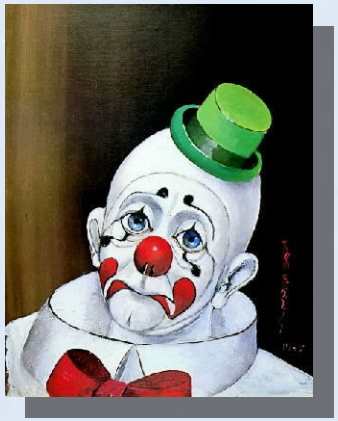
# OPSEC and Children

The Operations Security Professional's Association

When your loved one is getting deployed…

You might feel a lot of things.



You might feel angry

or sad

or confused

or scared

It’s normal to feel a lot of things.

But there’s something that you can do to help keep your loved one safe!

This is called **“OPSEC”**

# What is OPSEC?

OPSEC is protecting certain information that will keep your loved one safe.

It’s making sure to keep the right kind of secr tect your loved one.

# What kind of secrets?

Don’t tell anybody:

- The exact area that your loved one is in (the Country is ok)
- When your loved one is “on mission”
- Exactly what your loved one does
- When your loved one is going to leave to deploy
- How long they’ll be gone

If strangers ask you a lot of questions about your loved one, **don’t** tell them!

**Do** tell a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent

Bad guys get most of their information from “open source” materials.

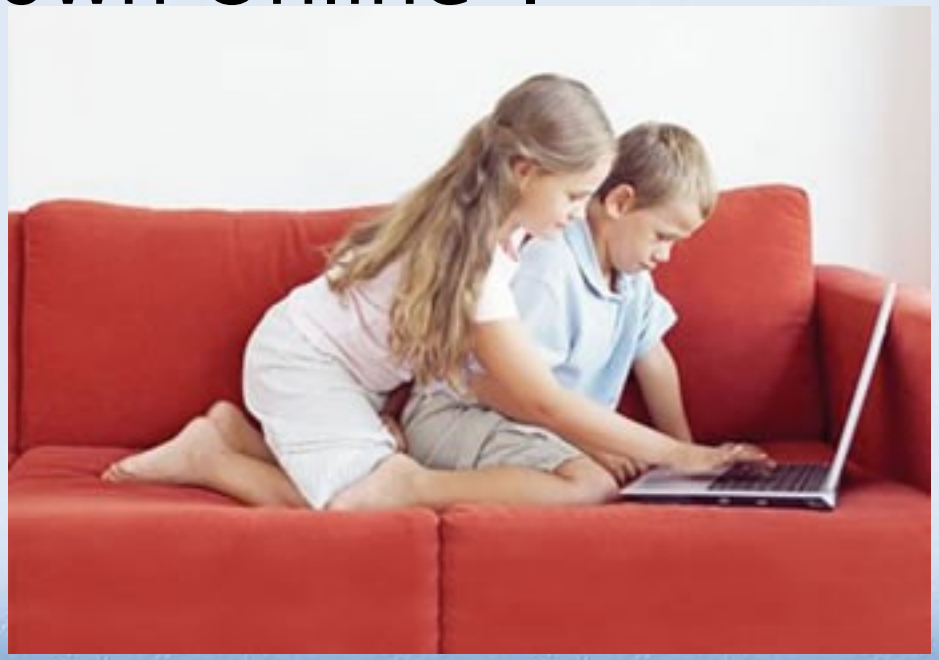
That means that they can find out a lot of secrets from the newspaper, internet or

Sometimes, other adults might get busy and forget what not to say…

You might need to remind them once or twice!

Do you like to “Chat” on the internet?

Or maybe you like to play online games with other people, like “Toon Town Online”.

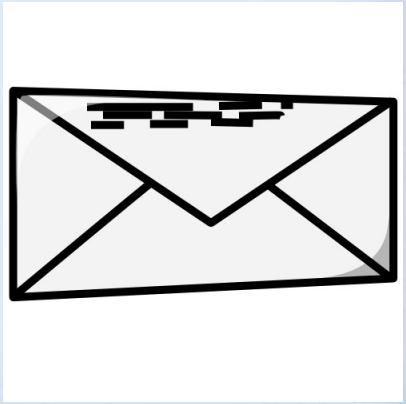


But remember:

Unless you know them in real life, you can never be sure who you're talking to !

Don't tell any secrets in public chat rooms!

Envelopes and packages will have your loved one’s address on it- make sure to have an adult get rid of it for you!



Sometimes, your loved one won’t be able to tell you certain things, like as exactly where they're going or what they're going to do the next day.

This isn't because they don't trust you, but because they're not allowed to tell anybody!

# Just remember!

- Don’t talk about deployment dates!
- Don’t talk about their job!
- Don’t give strangers your name or address!
- Don’t throw away letters or packages from your loved one!

# And then you'll be a hero!